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### **LARRY W. MITCHELL NAMED TO HEAD FARM SERVICE AGENCY LEGISLATIVE OFFICE**

Washington, D.C. Sept 3, 1997 -- Farm Service Agency Administrator Keith Kelly today announced today that Larry W. Mitchell has been appointed to be the Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs for the Farm Service Agency.

"I have great faith in Larry's abilities, and think he'll do a marvelous job with our legislative operation," Kelly said. "Larry's background in agriculture and working with the Congress is a perfect match for the position."

Throughout his career, Mitchell has been active in organizations involved with small farmers, rural issues, and agriculture. Before his appointment, he served as Vice President for Government Relations for the National Farmers Union and Director of Federal and State Relations for the American Agriculture Movement. Mitchell is the fifth generation of his family to farm in North Texas.

"The Farm Service Agency is undergoing a lot of changes," Kelly said. "Larry's got the experience and the understanding to bring a local perspective to complicated national programs, and make things fit together."

Originally from Arlington, Texas, Mitchell graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas with a degree in Agronomy. He worked as a substitute school teacher during his years in production agriculture. At the same time, he was active in the local farming community, serving as Vice-chairman of the Board of Directors of the Webb Farmers Co-op Gin and on the Tarrant County Extension Service Executive Committee, as well as being involved in several family business ventures.

A life long resident of southeast Tarrant County Texas, Larry Mitchell has two children; James Burton Mitchell (9) and Susan Leigh Mitchell (7).

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